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FOR GEORGE H. ALDRICH FROM BETTAUER

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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW

1. WE RECEIVED FOLLOWING NOTE FROM FRG EMBASSY WITH REQUEST
FOR COMMENTS ON PROPOSED AGENDA FOR MARCH 15-16 WEO GROUP
MEETING.

2. BEGIN TEXT OF NOTE:

QUOTE

THE EMBASSY OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY PRESENTS ITS
COMPLIMENTS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND WITH REFERENCE
TO PREVIOUS ORAL CONSULTATIONS HAS THE HONOR TO COMMUNICATE
THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION.

THE GERMAN DELEGATION TO THE DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE ON THE
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REAFFIRMATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNATIONAL HUMANITAR-
IAN LAW APPLICABLE IN ARMED CONFLICTS HAS THE HONOR IN
PREPARATION FOR THE FOURTH SESSION TO INVITE THE WEOG
DELEGATIONS TO A COORDINATING MEETING TO BE HELD IN GENEVA
ON MARCH 15 AND 16, 1977. THE MEETING WHICH WAS ORIGINALLY

SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 14 AND 15 HAS HAD TO BE POSTPONED BY A

DAY, NOW THAT THE FORMAL OPENING OF THE FOURTH SESSION HAS BEEN FIXED FOR MARCH 17 AND THE MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE BUREAU IS TO TAKE PLACE IN THE MORNING OF THAT DAY. THE COORDINATING MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE OFFICE OF THE

PERMANENT MISSION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC
OF GERMANY TO THE OFFICE OF THE UNITED NATIONS
AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
CHEMIN DU PETIT-SACONNEX 28 C
GENEVA 19.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 10:00 A.M. ON MARCH 15. AS IT TAKES PLACE PRIOR TO THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE, THE CONFERENCE SECRETARIAT IS UNFORTUNATELY UNABLE TO PROVIDE TRANSLATION SERVICES. THE GERMAN DELEGATION, THEREFORE, SUGGESTS THAT IN CASES WHERE TRANSLATION IS NOT POSSIBLE AND FOLLOWING THE PRACTICE AT PREVIOUS COORDINATING MEETINGS IT WILL BE TAKEN FOR GRANTED THAT ENGLISH AND FRENCH AS WORKING LANGUAGES ARE UNDERSTOOD BY ALL PARTICIPANTS.

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE SUGGESTIONS OF VARIOUS DELEGATIONS, THE GERMAN DELEGATION PROPOSES THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONAL AGENDA, WHICH CAN BE EXTENDED AT ANY TIME:

1. ADOPTION OF THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

2. PROCEDURAL QUESTIONS WITH REGARD TO THE PROCESS OF THE CONFERENCE AS FROM MARCH 17, 1977, WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO THE ORGANIZATION OF COMMISSION WORK

3. PROCEDURAL QUESTIONS REGARDING WEOG COORDINATION

4. PROTOCOL I

- (A) ARTICLE 42 (NEW CATEGORY OF PRISONERS OF WAR)
- (B) ARTICLE 42 QUATER (MERCENARIES)
- (C) ARTICLE 49 BIS (MINERAL OIL)
- (D) ARTICLES 54 TO 59 (CIVIL DEFENSE)
- (E) ARTICLES 60 TO 62 (RELIEF ACTIONS)
- (F) ARTICLE 65 (FUNDAMENTAL GUARANTEES)
- (G) ARTICLE 74 BIS (REPRISALS)
- (H) ARTICLE 79 BIS (INVESTIGATING COMMISSION)
- (I) ARTICLES 80 TO 81 (SIGNATURE AND NOTIFICATION)
- (K) ARTICLE 85 (RESERVATIONS)
- (L) OTHER ARTICLES

5. PROTOCOL II

6. AD-HOC COMMISSION (INHUMANE WEAPONS)

7. DATE OF NEXT WEOG COORDINATION

8. OTHER MATTERS

THE EMBASSY OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY CONFIRMS
THAT MR. GEORGE H. ALDRICH AND MR. WALDEMAR SOLF WILL BE
THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE MEETING AND WOULD BE GRATEFUL TO
RECEIVE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FURTHER PROPOSALS FOR THE
AGENDA AND ANY WRITTEN CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE DISCUSSION.

END QUOTE.
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